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L. G. Rathbun & Son
Growers of High Grade
Nursery Stock

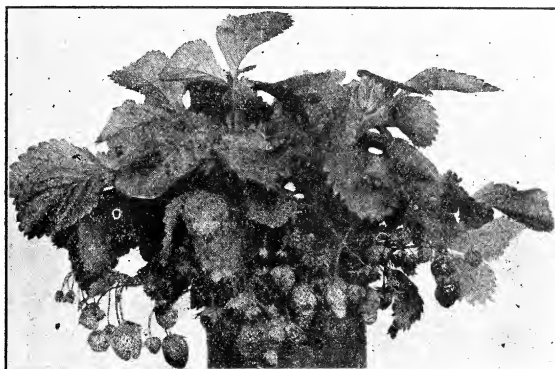
Everbearing Strawberries a Specialty

Orland, Indiana Rural Route No. 1

L. G. Rathbun & Son's

CATALOGUE AND PRICE LIST

FOR 1924



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This is a business catalogue, sent to you to secure your order. It shows you where you can get good Shrubs, Plants and Vines at reasonable prices. It may not be as beautiful as some you have already received, but we have found that colored pictures cost money and must be paid by the customers in the end. We give you a dollar's worth of plants for every dollar received.

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To Our Friends and Patrons:

WE TAKE PLEASURE in presenting you with this, our 1924 Catalogue of Small Fruit Plants. For the past 26 years we have been growing the highest grade of Nursery Stock for our trade, and this year have an extra fine assortment of all kinds, which we are offering to you at the lowest possible price.

Our method of selling direct to our customers through this little catalog enables us to quote lower prices, as well as to furnish our customers with strictly First-Class, Fresh-Dug Stock in the best possible growing condition.

We are located at Nevada Mills, five miles south and east of Orland, ten miles north and west of Angola in Steuben county. This county is acknowledged the largest and best small fruit county in the state.

Our long experience and knowledge of fruit-growing combined with our favorable climate and soil enables us to produce plants which are very productive.

Parentage of Our Plants—We take especial care that the parentage of our plants is of the very best strains and true to name. And we grow only those varieties which have the most desirable qualities, discarding all others, and as a consequence our plants are giving universal satisfaction. If given proper care and suitable soil they cannot fail to give you the very best results, and big profits.

Our Positive Guarantee—You take absolutely no risk when ordering from us. We take the utmost care that our plants are true to name and in good condition when shipped. If, by accident, any should prove otherwise, we will gladly replace them with plants of the correct variety, but it is mutually agreed between the purchaser and ourselves that we shall not at any time be liable for any amount greater than the original price.

When you receive this Berry Book, look it over carefully and send in your order at once. If you do not wish to remit the full amount of money when sending your order, remit one-third of the amount and we will book your order. Balance may be sent at any time before shipping season.

It is to your advantage that you place your order early while our stock of plants is yet complete. No matter how early you order, the plants will not be shipped before the proper season, or until you wish them shipped.

All stock state inspected by state inspector of nurseries and guaranteed to be free from injurious insects and diseases.

Save 10 Per Cent. on Your Order

If your order amounts to \$5.00 or more and you mail it before April 1st, you may deduct 10 per cent. from the amount of your order. Example: If your order amounts to \$5.00, send us \$4.50, etc. This discount is to encourage early orders. No discount allowed after April 1st.

Grow Everbearers

A full crop of berries the same year you plant them. On this page we are going to try to tell our friends and patrons how we grow big crops of Everbearing Strawberries.



The above is from an actual photograph, showing part of our pickings of Champion and Progressive Everbearing Strawberries, taken October 10, 1923. The plants that grew these berries were set in the spring of the same year, and from the one-half acre which we let bear fruit we picked 3,500 quarts of berries the same fall.

Many people expect to make a success of raising Everbearing Strawberries with the same care they would give any variety, but the Everbearer is in a class by itself and in some ways must be handled different. Several years of working with this berry has taught us that you will not have a failure if they are cared for in the following manner:

Select a piece of ground that is good and rich, sandy soil preferred; plow as early in the spring as possible, cover with well rotted stable manure, or if unable to get the manure a good grade of fertilizer will do; this should be harrowed in until thoroughly mixed with the top soil or scattered between the rows and around the plants after they are set, working it in with the hoe or cultivator. We find it a bad policy to plow the manure under as it makes a place for the white grub to harbor and work on the plants. Plans should be set in rows three and one-half feet apart and about one foot apart in the row. Keep all runners and blossoms cut off until the first of July as this will strengthen the plants and make them more fruitful when the proper fruiting time comes. Another important thing is cultivation. Commence cultivating shortly after plants are set and go through them about every two weeks. Don't stop when they commence to bear but cultivate at least after every rain as soon as it is dry enough so as to hold the moisture. After the fall rains come they will not need working so often. Two hundred plants taken care of in the above manner will furnish a good-sized family with quarts and quarts of big luscious berries from July till December.

You will notice in looking over your Nursery catalogs that they all have the BEST plants. We can't understand how they can all have the best. Can you? Now, while we don't claim ours the best, we do claim they are as good as any you can buy anywhere, and at a much lower price than most of them. Compare our prices with those of other Nurseries and be convinced.

We Have Made a Specialty of Growing Everbearing Strawberries

We have one of the best fruiting strains in the country.



A Block of Our Champion Everbearing.

CHAMPION (Per)

The Wonderful New Everbearing Strawberry which is bound to make a big hit, has come to stay: you will hear a great deal about this remarkable new Everbearing Strawberry in the future. Without doubt, it is the best everbearing strawberry you can secure and we recommend it above all others.

The berries are larger than Progressive and resemble it very much. Color, the same beautiful dark glossy red; plant, vigorous and a good plant-maker. They will produce a wonderful crop of extra fine berries the same season they are planted and continue to produce the following season same as Progressives. We guarantee our stock to be genuine.

Better place your order early as we will be compelled to return your money after our present stock is sold.

PROGRESSIVE (Per)

With us this has proven to be the most productive as a fall cropper, of all the everbearers, excepting Champion. Fruit of Progressive is of good size, smooth, of good color and appearance. Do not omit Progressive from your order.

It has stood at the head of the list of everbearing strawberries for a number of years. We have gradually improved our strain until it produces a much larger crop of fine berries than it did. We have no hesitancy in recommending it as one of the very best.

Spring Bearing Strawberries, Early Variety

PREMIER (Per)

This is one of the best early berries. Big in size, big in yield, fine quality and delicious flavor; the Premier is a strong pollenizer, plants grow large and root deeply. It succeeds in all climates. The berries are ideal for market or canning. By placing your order with us you will be sure of getting the Genuine Premier.

Spring Bearing Strawberries, Medium Early

SENATOR DUNLAP (Per)

This is the leading Strawberry throughout the United States. The demand for this variety has steadily increased every year since its introduction. We believe there is more plants set of this one variety than all others put together. Plants are of medium size, perfectly healthy and very prolific. Fruit large, smooth, regular and very attractive in form. The outstanding qualities are good canner, fine shipper and none better for table use. If you only set one variety, Dunlap should be your choice.

DR. BURRILL (Per)

This Berry is a scientific cross between Crescent and Senator Dunlap and therefore comes of the best strawberry blood in the country. It retains the good quality of both parents. The fruit is large, of high quality, very firm and of even shape and a medium dark glossy red in color. We consider this a good variety.

GIBSON (Per)

This variety is comparatively new and has prospects of being one of the leaders. It is a strong grower, with long roots that withstand dry weather; has dark green, healthy foliage and lots of it. Berry extra large, medium red in color.

EATON (Per)

A chance seedling. Berries conical in shape; size, medium large; color, deep red. The flavor is all that could be desired. This, with its firm berries and wonderfully attractive appearance, gives it the qualities necessary to make it a good market berry and canner.

Late Varieties

BIG LATE (Imp)

A good late variety, holding its large deep red berries well off the ground. Produces big crops in any fertile soil and nearly every climate. For a late garden variety you cannot choose better than Big Late.

KELLOGG'S PRIZE (Imp)

This comparatively new variety has become very popular in many sections on account of its ability to produce a crop under very unfavorable conditions. Kellogg's Prize will stand more frosts and bear a good crop of berries than any other variety grown. The berry is large, high-colored, with golden seeds. One of the dependable kinds to tie to.

Blossom Sex

Varieties marked (Per) are those having perfect flowers. Those marked (Imp) are imperfect or female; the blossoms of these varieties do not bear any pollen and should have some perfect variety set near them to fertilize the blossoms. One row of perfect to every three or four rows will do.

Raspberries—Purple, Red, Black

Raspberries are easy to grow and are considered by some to be the best of the small fruits; soil that will grow good corn or potatoes will grow good Raspberries.

Purple Raspberries

COLUMBIAN (Purple Cap)

This variety is remarkable for vigor and productiveness. It will yield at least a third more than the most productive Black Caps. It is also hardier than any of the Black Raspberries. It propagates from the tips the same as Black Caps. Fruit is extra large and of excellent quality, having a distinct flavor of its own; the color is a dark red when ripe, bordering on purple. Commences to ripen late, and has a long season; the best of all for canning. Our plants are of extra quality this season. Be sure to include some of these in your order.

ROYAL PURPLE

Another good Purple Cap. It continues in fruit for at least two weeks after Columbian is done. The canes are entirely hardy and the fruit is firmer than the Columbian—so firm that they can be shipped long distances safely in quart baskets. The plants of Royal Purple are not nearly so rampant as the Columbian but resemble Black Caps in appearance and size. The canes are almost entirely thornless. Pickers can go among the bushes of the Royal Purple without tearing their clothes off. It has been known to stand a temperature of 35 degrees below zero without injury.

HAYMAKER (Purple Cap)

This comparatively new variety is coming to the front very rapidly. Among its many points of excellence are these: Berries very large of extra good quality, season very late which makes it a very good market sort, berries ripening after other varieties are through bearing. This is bound to be a winner.

Red Raspberries

CUTHBERT

The leading late market variety all over the country; strong grower, very productive, fruit firm, size large, of best quality, season medium to late. Cuthbert has been a favorite for many years, always yielding immense crops even in the most northern states. It has no faults and for an all-around berry we advise you to plant it.

ST. REGIS (Everbearing)

Plants are good growers, very thrifty and make many new plants. This variety fruits in the summer and again in the fall on the new growth. Berries bright crimson, large size, rich, sugary, with full raspberry flavor.

Black Raspberries

CUMBERLAND

This is known as the Business Black Cap. It has been loudly praised by all who have grown it. Berries very large, firm; bush unusually hardy. Is more widely planted than any other black raspberry because of its productiveness and quality.

PLUM FARMER

This is a good stocky, thrifty growing variety with clean, bright foliage. Introduced by L. J. Farmer of New York State, some twenty years ago, and has been steadily growing in favor until it has gained an enviable reputation among the Black Cap family. Its season of ripening is early, and it is of short season, usually ripening the entire crop within a week. Fruit is large, firm, and of high quality, thick meated, and in fact one of the best all-around early Black Caps we know of. It is as productive as any of the Black Caps and it is one of the first on the market.

Blackberries**ELDORADO**

We consider this the most profitable Blackberry under cultivation today. Eldorado is perfectly strong and an upright grower. The canes are healthy, hardy and enormously productive. It succeeds over a wider range of territory than most any other Blackberry and the plants are in great demand. Berries jet black, fine flavor, making it excellent for home use or market.

Dewberries**LUCRETIA**

This is the standard of all the Dewberries. The berries are extremely large, having a beautiful appearance, and are of excellent quality for either home or market. Ripen from a week to ten days before the ordinary Blackberries. Ships and keeps well.

Currants**PERFECTION**

A cross between Fay and White Grape, retaining the valuable characteristics of both. Beautiful bright red, larger than Fay, holding its size to end of bunch; easy to pick; a superior bearer, less acid and of better quality than any other large currant in cultivation.

WHITE GRAPE

Very large; yellowish white; very mild acid; excellent quality and valuable for the table.

Gooseberries**DOWNING**

Large, handsome, pale green and of splendid quality for both cooking and table use, bush a vigorous grower, and usually free from mildew.

JOSSELYN

Large-sized, smooth, prolific and hardy, of best quality. Been tested over a wide extent of territory by the side of all the leading varieties, and so far the freest from mildew, both in leaf and fruit of them all. A wonderful cropper, with bright clean healthy foliage. Color red.

GRAPES

White Grapes

DIAMOND

The leading early white grape, ripening before Moore's Early. White, with rich yellow tinge, juicy, few seeds, almost free from pulp, excellent quality.

NIAGARA

The standard white grape, occupying the same position among the white varieties as Concord among the black; the leading profitable market sort. Bunch very compact, greenish white changing to pale yellow when fully ripe. Skin thin but tough. A rampant grower.

Black Grapes

CONCORD

The leading market and garden variety, no matter how small the number of grapes planted in the yard—Concord is almost sure to be included, and in regular vineyards throughout the country, Concord has been depended upon for the main crop.

MOORE'S EARLY

Bunch medium, berry large round, with heavy bloom, vine exceedingly hardy. One of the best early grapes for market and home use.

WORDEN

Resembles Concord, but is sweeter, larger in bunch and berry, and a week to ten days earlier; considered good.

Red or Amber Grapes

AGAWAM

Berries large, thick-skinned, sweet, aromatic, sprightly. Closely follows Concord, keeping much longer.

DELAWARE

Beautiful light red berries of unsurpassed delicacy. Bunches small and compact, flesh is juicy and of finest quality for table use with an unmatched spiciness and sweetness.

Asparagus Roots

In planting, make soil rich, dig trench, set 12 to 18 inches apart, roots spread out, crown two inches below surface, and stamp in returned soil firmly.

PALMETTO

A very early variety of excellent quality. The stalks are very large and tender. Yield much longer in season than most kinds.

Hardy Hybrid Perpetual Field Grown Roses (Bush Roses)

FRAU KARL DRUSCHKI

The regal (White American Beauty) the distinctive form and expression of its bud, half opened state and maturity are a three-fold revelation of exquisite charm and beauty. They commence blooming with the June Roses, are conspicuous throughout the

summer with their large flowers of waxy paper white, and yield their last armful with the first snows of an early fall. Price, 90c each.

PAUL NEYRON

One of the finest hardy roses ever grown. It blooms unceasingly from June to November, on long, smooth, thornless stems, furnishing a great quantity of uniformly shaped flowers, four to six inches across. Color a bright ruddy pink. A wonderful fall bloomer, keeping pace with the lovely white Druschki. Price, 90 cents each, or one of each kind for \$1.60.

Hardy Climbing Roses

TAUSENDSCHON (Thousand Beauties)

A rapid-growing, almost thornless climber, showing the blood of Rambler, Polyantha and Tea parentage. Its innumerable flower clusters make a pretty show in June and July, at first the soft pink of Clotilde Soupert, and later deepening to a bright carmine rose. Very vigorous, prolific climber, with plentiful and healthy foliage. Price, 90 cents each.

CLIMBING AMERICAN BEAUTY

This new climbing form of the famous pink rose, so long the American favorite for cutting, is as lovely and fragrant and deeply pink as the bush form. The hardy climber blood with which it is crossed gives healthy, perfect foliage and a strong climbing habit of growth. The abundant bloom is in prime before the June show of the bush type. Price, 90 cents each.

DOROTHY PERKINS

A beautiful shell-pink, foliage finer, smoother and darker than Crimson Rambler. This is unquestionably the thriftiest, showiest, and most practical of the older pink climbers, and trails its riotous clusters over more verandas, windows and trellises than any other one variety. Price, 50 cents each.

BALTIMORE BELLE (Hardy Climber)

A handsome double white rose of delicately blushed pink. The blossoms appear in great clusters until the entire plant is a solid mass of bloom. Of the hardy Prairie type—one of the hardiest climbers and especially fine for training to pillars or over trellises. Price, 50 cents each.

HIAWATHA

Its small flowers, deep ruby crimson accentuated by a white eye, are uniquely borne in long trails of 40 to 50 blooms. Very popular for training on fences; not only as a covering for the fence, but because it is really one of the prettiest roses of its kind. Price, 50 cents each.

YELLOW RAMBLER

A grand new variety, quite similar to the Crimson Rambler, with the exception of color. Rich yellow flowers, borne in large clusters; blooms profusely, and is as hardy as an oak. Large two-year field plants. Price, 50 cents each.

These roses are among those chosen by Robert Pyle, the noted rose specialist, as some of the most beautiful grown.

Spirea Van Houttei

This is the most beautiful of all Spireas. One of the best of shrubs; complete fountain of pure white bloom in May and June. The foliage an bush shape is ornamental the year round. The branches are very graceful and drooping when in full bloom, the leaves are almost entirely covered with masses of white flowers. It will thrive anywhere, in the shade or in the sun. Grows from six to eight feet high in good ground. Price, 18 to 24 inches, 25c; 10 for \$2.00.

Fruit Trees at Wholesale Prices

Apples

There is a constantly increasing demand for high quality fruit of all kinds and in no class of fruit is the demand more noticeable than in apples. With the proper selection of varieties and intelligent cultivation, there is no reason why the orchardist who makes a specialty of apples should not have a business yielding him larger returns for the money and labor invested than almost any other horticultural industry.

The varieties of fruit trees we offer are such as can be recommended and best adapted to the climate of Indiana and vicinity. Our trees are just as good as you can buy anywhere and are from a third to a half cheaper. Any variety desired and not listed, we can usually supply.

Delicious Duchesse, Jonathan, McIntosh, Rome Beauty, Stayman's and Yellow Transparent (four feet and up), 75 cents each; 10 for \$6.50; 100 for \$50.00.

Peaches

Varieties of peaches—J. H. Hale, Champion, Salway, Elberta, Mayflower, Stearns. Price of peaches (three to four feet), 50c each; 10 for \$4.00; 100 for \$35.00.

Our peach trees are free from insects, perfectly healthy, well ripened wood with splendid roots.

Cherries

SOUR CHERRIES

Early Richmond. Large Montmorency, 5-8 to 11-16 inch; \$1.00 each; 10 for \$8.00; 100 for \$60.00.

SWEET CHERRIES

Napoleon and Bing, 5-8 to 11-16 inch; \$1.25 each; 10 for \$10.00; 100 for \$90.00.

Pears

Varieties of Pears—Clapp's Favorite and Flemish Beauty, 5-8 to 11-16 inch; \$1.00 each; 10 for \$8.00; 100 for \$60.00.

Our pear trees are grown on heavy clay soil, especially well adapted to the production of strong, vigorous stock.

Plums

Varieties of Plums—Shippers' Pride and Wickson, 5-8 to 11-16 inch; \$1.00 each; 10 for \$8.00; 100 for \$60.00.

If you are in need of any of the above fruit trees we will be glad to hear from you. These are an extra good lot of trees and would be sure to please you. We haven't taken space to describe each variety separately but if interested, write us and we will be glad to give you any information desired. These trees are too large to send by mail.

General Instructions to Customers

TIME TO ORDER—Order early; if more plants are wanted they can be added later; if not prepared to send the money, send a portion which will insure the booking of your order. The balance may be forwarded any time before shipment of plants. Orders are filled in rotation as received.

SEND MONEY—By check, bank draft, express money-order, post office order or registered letter.

SUBSTITUTION—We do not substitute one variety for another unless order is received late in the season and then only when we are out of the variety you want. We substitute only when absolutely necessary.

SEASON OF SHIPPING—We begin to ship about the 10th of March and ship to about May 20th.

TRANSPORTATION—We recommend shipping by express as it is safest, and everything considered it is the cheapest for large orders. The smaller shipments of 50 pounds can be shipped in all zones by parcel post and shipments up to 70 pounds can be shipped in the first and second zones.

PACKING—We take extra care in packing our plants. Our strawberries, raspberries and blackberries are put up 25 in a bunch labeled, packed in moss and are guaranteed to reach you in the best possible condition; if plants are damaged when received, kindly notify us at once. We will then make a careful investigation. If the fault is ours, we will make things right at once.

Parcel Post Rates

Add to your order of every 100 plants purchased:

	1st-2d Zone	3rd Zone	4th Zone	5th Zone	6th Zone	7th Zone
Strawberry plants and as- paragus	\$.10	\$.18	\$.22	\$.30	\$.36	\$.46
Red Raspberry and Dew- berry15	.22	.30	.38	.45	.55
Black and Purple Raspberry and Blackberry20	.30	.40	.62	.80	1.00
Currants, Gooseberries, Grapes and Roses, every 12 plants same as 100 Strawberry.						
Spiera V. H., every 6 plants same as 100 Strawberry.						

Before making out your order, inquire at your local post office as to what postal zone you are located in from Orland, Indiana; then by referring to the above table you can easily determine the amount to add to your order to cover parcel post charges.

It is impossible to always determine in advance of packing just the exact amount of postage required, but the above schedule is very accurate. However, upon receipt of plants customers will sometimes find that they may not have remitted quite enough for postage, or possibly a few cents too much. If your original remittance was in accordance with this schedule we will not ask you to send any balance due us for postage and for the same reasons, please do not ask us for any small balance that may be due you.

SPRING PRICE LIST FOR 1924

Strawberries

	Prepaid			Not Prepaid				
	Per 25	50	100	Per 25	50	100	500	1,000
Senator Dunlap (Per)	\$.30	\$.40	\$.70	\$.25	\$.35	\$.60	\$2.00	\$3.50
Gibson (Per)	.35	.45	.75	.30	.40	.65	2.25	4.00
Kellogg's Prize (Imp)	.35	.45	.75	.30	.40	.65	2.25	4.00
Dr. Burrill (Per)	.30	.40	.70	.25	.35	.60	2.00	3.50
Premier (Per)	.40	.60	1.00	.35	.50	.75	3.00	5.00
Eaton (Per)	.40	.60	1.00	.35	.50	.75	3.00	5.00
Big Late (Imp)	.35	.45	.75	.30	.40	.65	2.25	4.00
Progressive (Per)	.55	.90	1.55	.50	.80	1.40	6.00	10.00
Champion (Per)	.65	1.00	1.75	.60	.90	1.50	7.00	12.00

Raspberries

	Per 25	50	100	500	1,000
Cuthbert (Red)	\$.75	\$1.35	\$2.25	\$8.00	\$15.00
St. Regis (Red)	1.00	1.70	3.00	10.00	18.00
Columbian (Purple)	1.40	2.00	3.50	12.00	20.00
Royal (Purple)	1.25	1.75	3.00	11.00	
Haymaker (Purple)	1.25	1.75	3.00	11.00	20.00
Cumberland (Black)	1.00	1.75	3.00	10.00	18.00
Plum Farmer (Black)	1.00	1.75	3.00	10.00	18.00

Blackberries and Dewberries

	Per 25	50	100	500	1,000
Eldorado	\$1.25	\$2.25	\$3.75	\$12.00	\$.
Lucretia (Dewberries)	1.00	1.75	2.25		

Asparagus, Two-Year

	Per 25	50	100	500	1,000
Palmetto	\$.85	\$1.50	\$2.75	\$.	\$.

Grapes

	Each	Per 5	Per 10	Per 25
Concord two-year, good grade	\$.25	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$4.00
Worden two-year, No. 1	.25	1.00	1.75	4.00
Moore's Early, two-year, No. 1	.25	1.00	1.75	4.00
Agawam, two-year	.20	.90	1.50	3.50
Delaware, two-year	.30	1.25	2.25	4.50
Diamond, one-year, extra heavy	.20	.90	1.50	3.50
Niagra, two-year, extra heavy	.25	1.00	1.75	4.00

Currants and Gooseberries

	Each	Per 5	Per 10	Per 25
Perfection two-year, No. 1	\$.25	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$4.00
White Grape two-year, No. 1	.25	1.00	1.75	4.00
Downing two-year, No. 1	.25	1.00	1.75	4.00
Josselyn two-year, No. 1	.25	1.00	1.75	4.00

Special prices on large orders. Write us your wants and we will give you our lowest NET quotations or anything in our line.

